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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The art was recently cited in a Japanese Office Action mailed November 14, 2006. A copy of the office action is enclosed. JP 11-285496, which is cited in the Japanese Office Action, was previously cited by the Applicant in an IDS filed September 15, 2006. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

A partial English translation and an English abstract have been included for JP3-289950. A partial English translation has been included for JP 61-119249.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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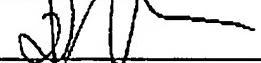
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